

## REMARKS

It is noted that claims 1, 3-19 and 21-36 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Haefner et al (U.S. 5,690,683). While it is true that Haefner discloses aspects of the presently claimed invention, it neither recognizes nor teaches anything with the versatile scope of the system of the present invention. In this regard, applicants cannot agree that it would be obvious to modify the Haefner device to achieve the system of the present invention.

With respect to other patent references such as Sholder (U.S. 5,222,493), which show that different combinations of electrodes may be used for sensing in different applications, this is far from suggesting the creation of a simple single device that allows many different combinations for sensing. Each of the cited references is limited in scope to an aspect of such a device and it is submitted that insofar as the references suggest additional combinations they teach multiple devices. The references themselves do not provide any incentive for one to come up with the combination of the presently claimed invention.

In view of these and previously submitted remarks, the Examiner is asked to reconsider his position and allow the present claims.

Respectfully submitted,

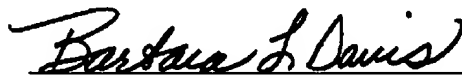
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Response to the Final Official Action dated August 28, 2003 and a transmittal letter, in Application No. 09/206,329 entitled "AUTOCAPTURE PACING/SENSING CONFIGURATION", filed December 8, 1998, for Geng Zhang et al, is being sent by facsimile transmission to: Examiner George Evanisko, Art Unit 3762, Mail Stop AF, Commissioner of Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, facsimile No. 703-872-9306.



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